



FY2009 (7/1/08 – 6/30/09) Annual Work Plan Pierce Conservation District

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Mission of the Pierce Conservation District

- *The statutory mission of the Pierce Conservation District is to work to retain renewable natural resources*

Ag Assistance/Tahoma Fund/Stream Team Priorities:

- **High quality agricultural soils will be retained through provision of technical assistance and market-based incentives**
 - Goal: 6 cooperating commercial producers will retain their farmland in active production through 2007
 - Goal: 10 direct marketing agricultural operations will receive marketing assistance
 - Goal: Measured value of sales of local agricultural products will remain stable
- **Water bodies will be protected from point and non-point pollution generated by livestock bearing properties**
 - Goal: Owners/operators of 10 livestock bearing properties upstream of shellfish production areas will receive farm plans and commit to implementation of best management practices to prevent runoff pollution
 - Goal: Owners/operators of 10 livestock bearing properties upstream of 303(d) listed water bodies will receive farm plans and commit to implementation of best management practices to prevent runoff pollution
- **Riparian areas and wetlands will be revegetated with appropriate native plantings**
 - Goal: 20 acres of riparian buffer will be revegetated through incentives and volunteer-based planting projects

Stream Team/Tahoma View Priorities and Goals:

- **Increase the level of voluntary action to preserve and enhance natural resources**
 - Goal: Conduct at least 12 workshops to inform residents about good land management practices
 - Goal: Increase Tahoma View distribution to 4,000 local residents on a quarterly basis
 - Goal: Maintain active participation of at least 1,200 local volunteers in achieving District mission

District Administration Priorities & Goals:

- **Maintain high level of transparency and accountability in District finances**
 - Goal: Successfully complete all fiscal audits with no significant findings
 - Goal: Develop method for budget publication that is easy to access, and simple to read and understand
- **Maintain excellent working relationships with key local and state government officials**
 - Goal: Visit County and key City Council members on semi-annual basis to present discuss issues of mutual interest and importance
 - Goal: Meet with key legislators on semi-annual basis to discuss issues of mutual interest and importance
- **Conduct elections in the most fair, representative and cost-effective manner possible within statutory guidelines**
 - Goal: Obtain contractor to operate by-mail elections in accordance with Chapter 89.08 and WSCC guidelines in 2007.

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Program Area: Agricultural Assistance

Goal(s): To retain high quality soils through direct assistance to local commercial agriculture and prevent point and non-point pollution resulting from poor land management techniques

Activities for FY2008	Position Responsible	Anticipated Funding Source(s)
Cost Share best management practices: Provide funding assistance to build practices on private property that prevent pollution resulting from livestock	Board of Supervisors Farm Planning Staff	89.08 Assessment WSCC Grants Puget Sound Grants
Farmland Management: Manage properties appropriate for farming operations through leases or direct operation (Inglin Farm, Puyallup Nursery)	Management Team	89.08 Assessment
Farm Plan writing/implementation for Shellfish Protection Areas: Provide farm planning technical assistance to livestock owners	Farm Planning Staff	89.08 Assessment WSCC Grants Puget Sound Grants
Farm Plan writing/implementation for 303(d) listed waterbodies: Provide farm planning technical assistance to livestock owners	Farm Planning Staff	89.08 Assessment WSCC Grants Puget Sound Grants
Food Box Purchase & Distribution: Protect farmland by purchasing & distributing local produce to low income seniors and disabled residents	Management Team	89.08 Assessment
Food Distribution Capital Improvements: Fund, plan and construct produce processing facility and cold storage facility, to increase District's ability to assist local commercial agriculture	Management Team	89.08 Assessment



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Program Area: Agricultural Assistance (Continued)

Local Agriculture Marketing Activities: <i>Improve Pierce County population's awareness of and support for local agricultural operations</i>	Management Team Tahoma Fresh Staff	89.08 Assessment
FARM Council: <i>Assist in creation of council composed of stakeholders to improve the profitability of local agricultural operations</i>	Board of Supervisors Management Team Tahoma Fresh Staff	89.08 Assessment
Workshops and Conferences: <i>Plan and conduct educational and networking events to increase implementation of land management practices</i>	Farm Planning Staff	89.08 Assessment WSCC Grants Puget Sound Grants

Program Area: Tahoma Fund

Goal(s): Promote Broad-Based Efforts by Partner Organizations to Achieve PCD Mission

Activities for FY2008	Position Responsible	Anticipated Funding Source(s)
Fund planning and construction aimed at natural resource conservation: <i>Solicit, rank and fund proposals by the District and its partners that assist Pierce CD in achieving its statutory resource conservation mission</i>	Board of Supervisors Management Team	89.08 Assessment



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Program Area: Stream Team

Goal(s): To increase the level of voluntary action to preserve and enhance natural resources

Activities for FY2008	Position Responsible	Anticipated Funding Source(s)
<i>Riparian Plantings: Plan, coordinate and assist in projects that establish and maintain healthy riparian vegetated corridors along local water bodies</i>	Stream Team Staff	89.08 Assessment WSCC Grants Puget Sound Grants
<i>Water Quality Testing: Coordinate volunteer water quality testing for Stream Team partner jurisdictions with the aim of volunteer recruiting and education leading to voluntary actions by local residents to contribute effort to achievement of PCD resource conservation mission</i>	Stream Team Staff	89.08 Assessment WSCC Grants Puget Sound Grants DOE/EPA Grants
<i>Fund planning and construction aimed at natural resource conservation: Provide technical assistance and funding for partner organizations and individuals that assist Pierce CD in achieving its statutory resource conservation mission</i>	Board of Supervisors Management Team	89.08 Assessment WSCC Grants Puget Sound Grants

Program Area: Tahoma View

Goal(s): Provide engaging publications to generate public interest in resource conservation

Activities for FY2008	Position Responsible	Anticipated Funding Source(s)
<i>Publish & Distribute Tahoma View: Publish & distribute high quality newsletter and associated informational materials</i>	Management Team All District Staff	89.08 Assessment

